

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A lid for a container, the lid comprising:
a body portion with a generally planar surface and a downwardly projecting perimeter portion having a length;
the body portion comprising a resiliently deformable portion located between two portions having greater rigidity than the resiliently deformable portion;
wherein the two portions are not biased apart by the resiliently deformable portion when the resiliently deformable portion is not deformed and wherein the two portions are not biased apart when the resiliently deformable portion is deformed, such that when the resiliently deformable portion is deformed, the length of the perimeter of the lid is reduced so as to enable the lid to be disengaged from the container without the use of a tool and the perimeter portion comprising a groove for engagement with a corresponding projection provided around the opening of the container.
2. (Cancelled)
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4. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising recesses either side of the resiliently deformable portion to form finger grips to enable a user to deform the resiliently deformable portion.
5. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein said resiliently deformable portion is integrally formed with the remainder of the lid by bi-injection molding.
6. (Currently Amended) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a locking member which, in the locked position, extends across the resiliently deformable portion and is arranged in the locked position selectively to prevent disengagement of the lid.
7. (Currently Amended) A lid as claimed in claim 6, wherein the locking member comprises a catch which when engaged with the lid prevents said resiliently deformable portion from deforming.
8. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 7, wherein the catch when engaged applies a biasing force to said resiliently deformable portion so as to oppose said deformation.

9. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 7, wherein the catch is integrally formed with said lid.

10. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the body portion comprises polypropylene.

11. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the resiliently deformable portion is formed from an elastomeric material.

12. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the diameter of the lid is less than 250mm.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a resilient seal around the perimeter.

15. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 14, wherein the resilient seal is formed of the same material as the resiliently deformable portion and is moulded integrally therewith.

16. (Currently Amended) A lid as claimed in claim 7, wherein the lid defines an uppermost surface the catch is hinged to the lid and when engaged lies substantially flush to the uppermost surface of the lid thereto.

17. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 7, which is adapted to be engaged with the opening of a container with the catch engaged.

18. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of lateral projections provided on the perimeter to assist in securing the lid to a container.

19. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one indentation in the resiliently deformable portion on the perimeter portion of the lid so as to direct the resiliently deformable portion radially inward when deformed.

20. (Original) A lid as claimed in claim 1, wherein the lid is coupled to a corresponding container, the lid being engaged with the container so as to provide a sealed vessel.

21. (Previously Presented) A lid as claimed in claim 20, wherein the lid and container are adapted for holding paint, varnish, or wood preservatives.

22-28. (Cancelled)